

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

By this amendment, claims 1, 14, 17, and 27 have been canceled. Thus, claims 2-13, 15, 16, and 18-26 are pending.

Claims 1, 14, 17, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamashita, and claims 2-13, 15, 16, and 18-26 were indicated as being allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Accordingly, claim 2 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 1, claim 15 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 14, claim 18 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 17, and claims 1, 14, 17, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 2-13, 15, 16, and 18-26 are allowable over the prior art of record, and that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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